

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF : Stephen John Lee  
FOR : IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING  
TO REFRACTORY PRODUCTS  
  
SERIAL NO. : 09/856,609  
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EXAMINER : Scott R. Kastler  
ART UNIT : 1742  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

March 21, 2003

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAIM 1**

Dear Sir:

For purposes of discussion at the telephone interview scheduled for March 27, 2003 (10:00 a.m.), the following amendment to claim 1 is proposed: